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## **Deborah.Easterling**

From:

Deborah.Easterling

'Ralph VanDyke'

Sent:

Monday, September 10, 2012 1:23 PM

To:

Subject:

RE: Tega Cay Warwe rate protest

Dear Mr. Van Dyke,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2012-177-WS and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling Administrative Assistant

From: Ralph VanDyke [mailto:josephsattic@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2012 9:35 AM

To: PSC\_Contact

Cc: josephsattic@yahoo.com

Subject: Tega Cay Warwe rate protest

please find the attached protest letter. Thank you.

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Email form to: contact@psc.sc.gov

\* Required Fields

Date: \* September 9, 2012

Letter of Protest

in Docket

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Email

Protestant Information:					
Name *	Ralph J. Van Dyke				
Mailing Address *	6017 Lanai Ln.				
City, State Zip *	Tega Cay	s.c.	29708	Phone *	803-417-8614
E-mail	josephsattic@yahoo.com				
1. What is your	connection or interest in th	is case? * I	For example,	are vou a cust	omer of the Company that is the

I am a current customer of the company that is the subject of this proceeding.

subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I would like to add my family's name to the list of those protesting the rate increase by "utilities, inc." Like many, my family is on mostly a fixed income and cannot bear a rate increase of this amount. Of all the daily living expenses that we incur, none have raise their rates anywhere close to what the water service is proposing. All this has occurred during a severe economic downturn. I am fortunate in that I have a job. I am an hourly worker and only earn so much. I got the form letter from the utility company and it states that it wants to "earn a reasonable return on investment". Let me just say that with any investment there are inherent risks of not earning a reasonable rate of return. There is risk associated with investing. The customer should not be a safety net, anytime the utility co. has had to live up to its commitment to run a company.

Respectfully, Ralph J. Van Dyke II

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

No, I am unable to attend.